


**MERCER COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
SNOW PLOWING POLICY**

Since Mercer County has neither the manpower nor the financial resources to maintain a clear road policy like the State of Illinois, the County Highway Department will plow snow according to the following guidelines:

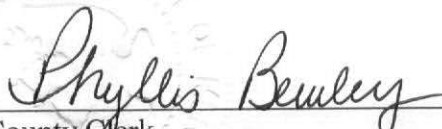
1. Every effort will be made to clear the roads in the morning prior to the running of the school bus routes and traffic going to work.
2. In a continuous snow, snowplows will continue to plow their routes during the day to allow school and work traffic to get home.
3. Plows will only be out at night in emergency situations. This does not mean plowing at night when wind is blowing and snow is drifting back onto the road, which wastes time and materials.
4. Snow events which start late at night will be plowed early in the morning.
5. As a general rule, a salt/sand/gravel mix will be applied to hills, curves and intersections only.
6. Ice and /or freezing rain conditions will be handled similarly and as material supply allows.
7. Emergency situations may require more immediate measures. Under normal snow conditions, the guidelines above will be followed.

APPROVED BY THE MERCER COUNTY BOARD THIS 6TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2014.



Chairman

ATTEST:



County Clerk

